

**ASSEMBLY, No. 137**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**213th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for automatic enrollment in PAAD and Senior Gold programs under certain circumstances.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1    **AN ACT** concerning State pharmaceutical assistance programs and  
2       supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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4       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5       *of New Jersey:*

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7       1.   a.   If a person who is a recipient of benefits under the  
8       "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled," or PAAD  
9       program becomes ineligible for PAAD because the person's income  
10      exceeds the program's income eligibility limit and the person still  
11      remains eligible for the "Senior Gold Prescription Discount  
12      Program," the person shall be enrolled automatically in the "Senior  
13      Gold Prescription Discount Program."

14      b.   If a person who is a recipient of benefits under the "Senior  
15      Gold Prescription Discount Program" has a decrease in income that  
16      renders the person eligible for PAAD, the person shall  
17      automatically be enrolled in PAAD.

18      c.   The Department of Health and Senior Services shall  
19      establish one application form for use in applying for the PAAD  
20      program and the "Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program."  
21      The form shall provide for the inclusion of all information  
22      necessary to determine eligibility for both programs and advise  
23      applicants of the automatic enrollment provisions of subsections a.  
24      and b. of this section.

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26      2.   This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

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#### STATEMENT

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31      This bill provides for automatic enrollment in either the "Senior  
32      Gold Prescription Discount Program" or the "Pharmaceutical  
33      Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" (PAAD) program if a person  
34      becomes ineligible for one program but remains eligible for the  
35      other program.

36      Under the provisions of the bill, if a person who is a recipient of  
37      benefits under PAAD becomes ineligible for that program because  
38      the person's income exceeds the PAAD income eligibility limit and  
39      the person still remains eligible for the "Senior Gold Prescription  
40      Discount Program," the person would be enrolled automatically in  
41      Senior Gold. Income eligibility limits for Senior Gold are up to  
42      \$10,000 greater than those of PAAD.

43      Similarly, if a person who is a recipient of benefits under Senior  
44      Gold has a decrease in income that renders the person eligible for  
45      PAAD, the person would be enrolled automatically in PAAD.

46      The bill has a delayed effective date of 60 days after enactment  
47      to allow time for the Department of Health and Senior Services to  
48      establish one application form for use in applying for both

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1 programs. The form would provide for the inclusion of all  
2 information necessary to determine eligibility for both programs  
3 and advise applicants of the automatic enrollment provisions of the  
4 bill.